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SUBJECT: STATUS OF VINS FAMILY, UKRAINIAN CSCE MONITORING
GROUP

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1. ACCORDING TO CANADIAN EMBOFF WHO MET WITH PETR VINS
DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO CANADIAN EMBASSY LATE LAST MONTH,
VINS HAD FOLLOWING TO SAY ABOUT CURRENT SITUATION OF
HIS FAMILY:

--HE AND HIS TWO ELDEST SISTERS ARE SEEKING TO EMIGRATE
TO CANADA, AND HE BELIEVES KGB WILL BE GLAD TO SEE THEM
LEAVE USSR;

--HIS FATHER, BAPTIST PASTOR GEORGIY VINS, GAVE PERMISSION
FOR HIS THREE ELDEST CHILDREN TO EMIGRATE WHEN PETR
VISITED HIM LAST SUMMER;

--MRS. VINS BELIEVES THAT THE TWO YOUNGER CHILDREN SHOULD
REMAIN WITH HER, AND SHE REFUSES TO LEAVE THE USSR SO

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LONG AS HER HUSBAND IS HERE;
--GEORGIY VINS HAS ANOTHER SIX YEARS TO SERVE IN A YAKUTSK
LABOR CAMP; PETR EXPECTS TO VISIT HIS FATHER IN SEVERAL
WEEKS AND HOPES SO PERSUADE HIS FATHER TO INDICATE A
WILLINGNESS TO EMIGRATE; PETR REPORTEDLY BELIEVES HIS
FATHER'S TERM MIGHT BE REDUCED IF THE AUTHORITIES LEARNED
THAT THE LATTER WISHED TO EMIGRATE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO CANADIAN EMBOFF'S QUESTIONS ABOUT THE UKRAINIAN BRANCH OF THE CSCE MONITORING GROUP, VINS SAID THAT:

--THE GROUP HAS BEEN REDUCED TO THREE ACTIVE MEMBERS, OF WHOM HE IS ONE;

--THE OTHER TWO ARE SCIENCE FICTION WRITER OLES BERDNYK (AGE 58), WHO WAS EXPELLED FROM THE UKRAINIAN WRITERS' UNION IN 1973 AND BRIEFLY DETAINED DURING THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST RUDENKO AND TIKHIY LAST SPRING, AND OKSANA MESHKO (AGE 50), A TEACHER WHO WAS IMPRISONED DURING THE STALIN ERA FOR "NATIONALIST AGITATION";

--TWO OTHER MEMBERS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER HOUSE ARREST, NINA STROKATOVA (A MICROBIOLOGIST), AND IVAN KANDYBA; BOTH HAVE SPENT TIME IN PRISON CAMPS, STROKATOVA FIVE YEARS AND KANDYBA FIFTEEN;

--THE TWO MEMBERS ARRESTED IN APRIL OF LAST YEAR, MIROSLAV MARINOVICH (AN ENGINEER) AND MYKOLA MATUSEVICH (AN HISTORIAN), HAVE NOT YET BEEN BROUGHT TO TRIAL; THE SAME IS TRUE FOR LEVKO LUK'YANENKO (AGE 50), WHO WAS ARRESTED ON DECEMBER 12, 1977. MATLOCK

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